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construction and force *freely accorded to similar terms by every other court of every English-speaking people.*"

There is also an appendix, containing some additional comments, with quotations from selected decisions, which will be found very useful to those practitioners who do not have ready access to libraries where these decisions may be found *in extenso*. X.

A TREATISE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATUTE OF FRAUDS, AS IN FORCE IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. By CAUSTIN BROWNE. Fifth Edition. By JAMES A. BAILEY, JR. With the Coöperation of the Author. Boston : Little, Brown & Co. 1895.

In recommending to the profession this new edition of a standard work, it is hardly necessary to descant upon its usefulness. This has already been abundantly proved by the experience of those who have already tried the book. But to those who have not read it, it is proper to say, that they will find no work on this subject at once so compact and complete, so full in its treatment of the essentials of its theme and so clear of useless details, so accurate and yet so concise in its statements as this. It is the one book on the Statute of Frauds that ought to be in the hands of every practitioner.

In the present edition, as the preface states, about nineteen hundred cases, decided since the publication of the last edition, comprising all that are of any lasting importance, have been added. Some have, of course, been omitted, for there are points of law on which the cases pile up with astonishing rapidity ; but these are mostly instances in which the law is so well settled that a further citation of authority would only uselessly encumber the volumes. The text has also been carefully revised, with the effect of giving an added clearness to the terse language of the former editions.

There is one noteworthy change in this edition. The list of American statutes has been omitted from the preface, in order, as the author states, to make room for the new matter without materially increasing the size of the volume. This is

to be regretted, as, though it may be true that no serious inconvenience may result from that omission, yet it is always an advantage to have the statutes at hand, in order that the reasons for apparently conflicting decisions in different states may be clearly perceived by reference to the statutes themselves. This, however, in view of the fact that the modern practitioner seems, by all accounts, to care more for decisions, than for the reasons upon which they rest, may not be so serious a defect as it would seem to one of the old régime. In all other respects, the work is decidedly an improvement over former editions.

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A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS, EMBRACING HUSBAND AND WIFE, PARENT AND CHILD, GUARDIAN AND WARD, INFANCY, AND MASTER AND SERVANT. By JAMES SCHOULER, LL. D. Fifth Edition. Boston : Little, Brown & Co. 1895.

It is not necessary to say anything in commendation of a work so well and favorably known as this is, and one so comprehensive and at the same time accurate in its treatment of the varied and fluctuating relations included within its scope ; and in this new edition there are no salient features of newness to which to call attention. It contains the cream of the new cases on the various branches of its subject-matter, carefully culled ; but the practitioner who searches in it for those of purely local interest will be disappointed. It was no part of the author's purpose to make his work a mere collection of details and eccentricities, (such as many cases on these branches of the law unfortunately are,) or to compete with the more voluminous and inflated works on the subdivisions of his subject matter. His original aim was to produce a compact hand book of general principles, for ready reference, and to this aim he has confined himself in the successive editions of his book. His example in this respect may well be commended to others.

Another feature which adds to the value of the book is, that the present edition is also prepared by the author, so that uniformity of expression and treatment is secured in the addi-